posal to Government of India in 1989, containing a list of important bridges and roads including 'Link Highway' connecting NH-47 and NH-17 via Guruvayoor, to be included under the CRF during the Eighth Plan This link highway will act as a by-pass to Trichur town reducing the traffic congestion at Trichur town and will cater to the development of Guruvayoor, the most important pilgrim town of Kerala State The present allocation of CRF to Kerala is quite insufficient to cover the works proposed by Kerala Government including this Link Highway However, no sanction has been received during last year for any of the works proposed by Kerala Government The Central Government are yet to reallocate resources due to State Government on Central Road Fund based on the revised resolution approved by Government of India in May, 1988 Substantial additional allocation to the tune of about Rs 33 crores is likely to be available to Kerala Government I urge upon the Minister of Surface Transport to take immediate steps to clear the pending proposals and accord sanction to the Link Highway via Guruvayoor

(iii) Need to set up an electronic telephone exchange in Ajmer, Rajasthan

[*Translation*]

PROF RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer) Sir, Ajmer has been a model city from the historical, educational, cultural and the communal harmony point of view Ajmer is the heart of Rajasthan and is internationally known for Ajmer Sharief and Pushkar Raj, pilgrim centres visited frequently by tourists and pilgrims alike However, in Ajmer even now the obsolute 'Crossbar' telephone system is in vogue In a city of more than five lakh people, the modern and efficient telephone system is highly desirable Though thousands of people are in the waiting list for telephone connections, only a few connections are released every year as the capacity of the obsolute 'Crossbar' system is quite limited There is lot of resentment among telephone subscribers because the telephones generally remain out of order and the earth is repeatedly dug Many newspapers are also published from Ajmer

Therefore the Central Government is requested to replace the existing absolute telephone exchange technology with the electronic telephone exchange facility, so as to make the system in Ajmer effective and efficient

13.00 hrs.

(iv) Need for early completion of Kapadwang Madasa broad gauge railway line

[*English*]

DR K D JESWANI (Kheda) The Kapadwanj Madasa (Gujarat) Broad guage railway track was first sanctioned by the Central Government in 1978 79 at the approximate cost of Rs 22 crores It was sanctioned on the basis of a long term demand by the people of that area Since then, no progress has been made in this regard Even this year's Railway Budget does not contain any provision for this railway track The conversion of Nadiad Kapadwanj narrow guage to broad guage is on the stage of completion

It is strange that even after 45 years of independence, the people of this area have not seen or enjoyed a single kilometre of the railway track in their area Even otherwise due to lack of other natural and geographical resources this area is totallly under-developed

Introduction of the railway is the only hope for some future development

I, therefore, urge upon the Government